



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-450-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al.)
Serial No.: 09/724,000)
Filed: November 28, 2000)
For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1)
Molecules and Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings
Group Art Unit: 1642

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed September 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~40-42~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

9. (Twice Amended) A polypeptide having an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5 produced by a process comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell containing a vector comprising a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence:

(i) as set forth in SEQ ID NO. 4;

(ii) of a DNA insert encoding a Secs-1 polypeptide in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-

1755; or